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## SARAH BICKFORD AND MERRILL BURLINGAME TO BE HONORED IN STATE CAPITOL

Sarah Bickford, who was born into slavery and became a successful entrepreneur in Virginia City, and noted Montana educator and historian Merrill Burlingame will be inducted into the Gallery of Outstanding Montanans in ceremonies at the State Capitol April 10<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

The Gallery, which includes a photograph and information on each inductee, was established in 1979 to pay homage to citizens of Montana who made contributions of state or national significance in their fields of endeavor while epitomizes the unique spirit and character that defines Montana.

Bickford (1855-1931) was a successful business woman, and owned and operated the Virginia City Water Company from 1902 to 1931. Burlingame was an educator, historian and prolific author, who chaired the history department at Montana State University for 33 years.

The public is invited to the event that is organized by the Montana Historical Society on behalf of the people of Montana. If you want more information on the event or on how to nominate someone for the Gallery contact the Society at 406-444-4710.